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LETTER DATED 28 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of February 1994, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of resolution No. 5362 adopted on 27 February 1994 by the League of Arab States at its emergency meeting concerning the Israeli massacre of Palestinians in the Ibrahimi Mosque.

I should be grateful if you would have this resolution brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council, and have this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Nabil A. ELARABY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
Chairman of the Arab Group

Annex

Resolution No. 5362 of the League of Arab States, adopted at its emergency meeting held on 17 Ramadan A.H. 1414 (27 February A.D. 1994) concerning the Israeli massacre of Palestinians in the Ibrahimi Mosque

The Israeli massacre of Palestinians in the Ibrahimi Mosque

The Council of the League of Arab States, meeting in extraordinary session on 17 Ramadan A.H. 1414 (27 February A.D. 1994),

Having taken cognizance of:

- A letter from Mr. Yasser Arafat, President of the State of Palestine and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, concerning the massacre perpetrated by Israeli settlers inside the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron in the occupied West Bank, killing dozens and injuring hundreds among the Palestinian congregation at prayer; and

- A memorandum on the incident prepared by the General Secretariat,

Having followed the developments in this incident and its dire effects and having heard the discussions which took place during its meeting,

Decides

1. To condemn the Israeli crime against the defenceless Palestinian citizens at prayer in the Ibrahimi Mosque on 15 Ramadan A.H. 1414 (25 February A.D. 1994) and to deem it an act of terrorism;

2. To place upon the Israeli occupation authorities the responsibility for this crime and the crimes committed by Israeli settlers by reason of the continuing practices and measures adopted by those authorities; and to call upon them to disarm the Israeli settlers immediately;

3. To affirm the call contained in League Council resolution No. 5269, adopted at its extraordinary session on 11 and 12 January 1993 asking the United Nations to establish an appropriate mechanism for the implementation of the fourth Geneva Convention through the assignment of an international force to provide protection to Arab citizens in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories, with a view to the implementation of the provisions of Security Council resolution 681 (1990); and to call upon the co-sponsors of the Madrid Conference, on the basis of their responsibility to ensure the success of the peace process, to play a major role in ensuring the necessary protection for the Palestinian people in the occupied territories;

4. To call upon the Security Council to send an international commission to investigate the grave incident and to take the necessary measures to enable the commission to carry out its mandate;

5. Calling upon the Security Council, in particular the two co-sponsors of the Peace Conference, for the immediate implementation of the Security Council resolutions ruling the Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories illegitimate and a serious obstacle to the achievement of a comprehensive and just peace, in particular Security Council resolution 465 (1980) concerning the dismantling of existing settlements and a halt to planning for new settlements in the occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem;

6. To call upon the co-sponsors of the Conference to make a serious endeavour to ensure the success of efforts for peace by halting Israeli procrastination, putting an end to the occupation of Arab territories, and enabling the Palestinian people to exercise its inalienable national rights, including its right to self-determination and the establishment of its independent State with Jerusalem as its capital;

7. To consider 15 Ramadan each year as a day for the commemoration of the martyrs of the massacre in the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron and to appeal to international public opinion to perpetuate this commemoration in order to remind the international community of Israel's inhumane practices;

8. To invite the Arab States to furnish all kinds of assistance to the families of the victims and martyrs among the Palestinian people;

9. To instruct the Secretary-General to maintain contact with all international parties in order to ensure the implementation of this resolution and urge them to take all appropriate measures to protect Palestinians in the occupied territories.